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## CRUSADER CONNECTION

1ST QUARTER—SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2012

### Message from Mary Anne Stevens, Principal

Hello, Kennedy Junior High! My name is Mary Anne Stevens and I am the new principal. I am very excited about coming to Kennedy and look forward to working with the students, teachers, staff and community.

I have been in education for close to twenty-five years; all but two of those years in a junior high school. I started as a resource teacher and taught in Uintah and Granite School Districts. I earned my master's degree in special education at Utah State University and continued on to earn by administrative certificate. I did my administrative internship work at Jefferson Junior, then moved to a position as an elementary assistant principal for two years. It was back to junior high for me as an assistant principal at Olympus and Hunter Junior Highs, principal at Hunter Junior High and now principal at Kennedy.

I have always loved junior high school students. They are energetic and come in all shapes, sizes, personalities and abilities. They are open to learning and willing to participate in a variety of academic and extra-curricular activities. I hope to be an advocate for each and every student. My job is to make sure that every student leaves Kennedy Junior with the skills, knowledge, awareness and ability to not only succeed in high school, but to graduate and move into a successful college and/or career experience.

Once again, I am pleased to be at Kennedy and look forward to meeting and working with the wonderful community. My door is always open - feel free to drop by, give me a call or drop me an email. I take my responsibility very seriously and will do what I can to make sure Kennedy is a positive place for students to learn and grow.

### Emily Grunig, Assistant Principal

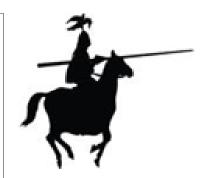
Hello, my name is Emily Grunig and I am the new assistant principal. I am so excited to be part of this amazing school and community.

I received my bachelor's degree at Utah State University, GO AG-GIES!!! Later on in my career I earned my master's degree in administration at the University of Phoenix. I have worked in the Granite School District for the past 7 years as a teacher and administrator. I was a physical education and photography teacher at Kearns Junior High. I have been an administrator at West Lake Junior and now Kennedy Junior High.

I thoroughly enjoy working with all adolescents and watching the students progress in academics and extra-curricular activities throughout their junior high career. I look forward to meeting and working with teachers, parents, students, and community members.

Please feel free to stop in, call, or e-mail me. Together we can make it a great school year.

### GO CRUSADERS!!!.



Kennedy Jr. High School 385-646-5214 office 385-646-5218 attendance 385-646-5215 fax http:// kennedyjunior.weebly.com

### Important School Notices and Calendar

### Reality Town—9th Graders

Reality Town is scheduled for Oct 12th, Friday. This is an educational program designed to give students a realistic financial experience. It is fun for both students and volunteers.

Volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 12:30

Contact Annette Swenson (385-646-5216)
9th Grade Counselor



### REFLECTIONS CONTEST

"The Magic of the Moment . . ."

Are you a budding artist, photographer, film maker, dancer, composer, musician...?

"Share your imagination-enter Reflections"

See Ms. Swenson for entry forms.

Due Nov 8th

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 3rd & 4th, Wednesday & Thursday

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

4:00-7:00 p.m.

	1st TERM CALENDAR
Sep 28	NO SCHOOL
Oct 1	B Volleyball @Jefferson
	G Soccer vs Jefferson
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Oct 2	Cross County @ Oquirrh Hill Park
Oct 3 & 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7
Oct 8	B Volleyball vs Valley
Oat 10	G Soccer @ Valley  P. Volleybell @Voorme
Oct 10	B Volleyball @Kearns G Soccer vs Kearns
	Cross Country @ Oquirrh Hill Park MESA 3:00
Oct 12	Reality Town
Oct 12 Oct 15	B Volleyball Quarterfinals
Oct 13	G Soccer Quarterfinals
Oct 18 & 19	NO SCHOOL - Fall Recess
Oct 18 & 17	B Volleyball Semi-Finals
OCt 22	G Soccer Semi-Finals
Oct 24	B Volleyball Championship
OCt 24	G Soccer Championship
Oct 25	7th Grade Elections
Oct 29-	Food Drive
Nov 17	1 ood Diive
Oct 31	Drama Field Trip
Nov 1	Halloween Dance 3:00
Nov 2	NO SCHOOL—End of 1st Term
Nov 7	MESA—6:00
Nov 11-18	Math Fundraiser
Nov 13	Veteran's Day Assembly
Nov 15-16	Drama Performance
Nov 15	MESA 3:00
Nov 21-25	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 23	West Valley Christmas Parade

### Information for Free/Reduced Lunches

Students who were on free/reduced lunch last year who have not applied for free lunches this year have until September 27th to apply to continue to receive free/reduced lunch. This means that students, who were free or reduced the last school year, and did not apply for free or reduced lunch this school year, will be moved to full-priced meals. Parents can apply for free or reduced lunch any time, but if they get rolled over to full priced meals, they will be responsible for paying for those meals incurred until their new application is processed.

Apply for free/reduced lunch online for faster service.

### "Advanced Drama Class"

This year's advanced drama students will be hosting "A Night of Mystery" as they present two short one acts. The first act, "And Then There Was One", is a hilarious spoof of Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians". The second act begs the question-who can be trusted as six campers find themselves "Diamonds in the Rough".

"A Night of Mystery"
Thursday & Friday
November 15th and 16th at 7:00 p.m.

### "NO BULLYING" Program

Our Bullying Prevention Program, SWAT TEAM (Stop and warn, Walk, Away, Talk to an adult), started September 10th. All students will or have listened to the presentation in their advisory classes.

Belong to our SWAT TEAM

### Tutor/Computer Lab Media Center

Mon-Fri—6:45-7:40 a.m. Mon-Thurs 2:45—4:45 p.m.

Teacher(s) will be there to assist students.

### Attendance Reminders:

- ⇒ If your student is going to be absent from school, call the attendance office at 646-385-5218 or bring a note the next day.
- ⇒ When your student has a doctor appointment, ask for a medical note give to the attendance secretary.
- ⇒ Only "7" excused days are allowed within the school year.
- ⇒ Automated phone messages are sent home every night for students who are absent 1 or more periods during the day.
- ⇒ Parents can go on the school website to check attendance and grades.
- ⇒ Attendance questions? Contact Judy –365-646-3556

### Recycle, Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

The following paper items can go directly into our recycling bins (on the west side of the parking lot):

Newspapers

**Phonebooks** 

Paperback books

Paper baps & brown kraft paper

Cardboard food packaging

Cardboard boxes-flattened

White colored office paper

### Message From PTSA

### John F. Kennedy PTSA 2012-2013 Board Members

President - Rebecca Gill 801-840-5885

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Summer Schaefermeyer (801) 969-3965

Secretary

Join Kennedy's PTSA for \$7.00

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1st Friday of every month Village Inn Fund Raiser
- ♦ PTSA Board Meeting at 8:00 a.m.: Oct 1st and Nov 5th
- ♦ Reality Town Oct 12th—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (contact Annette Swenson or Lluvia Mejia at 385-646-5216 or Kimberly Hancock 801-969-2025
- ♦ Halloween Dance –Nov 1st 2:45-4:00 Admission \$2.00 or free to PTSA members
- Reflections Due—November 8th "The Magic of a Moment"

### KENNEDY JR. HIGH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back and we hope for a very fun and exciting 2012-2013 school year! We are excited to begin another fun school year here at Kennedy Junior High, especially in our afterschool program. We would like to report that our Summer Survivors Summer Camp was a huge success and we want to thank all those students who participated in all the fun. We are planning on continuing with the summer camp next summer as well.

This year's afterschool program will take place Monday through Thursday from 2:45 pm to 5:30 pm and on Friday's from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm. We will be providing students with a variety of activities along with a mandatory 45 minutes Homework/study lab. We are fortunate to have Kennedy teachers available to tutor our students in both math and English during this time. Our goal is to help your student improve his or her academic performance along with providing them with a safe environment where they can relax, have fun, and connect with their school.

Jude Schmid has been the Afterschool Coordinator at Kennedy JHS but she has recently another position at a different school. She will miss the students and friends she has meet during her brief stay here. The new afterschool coordinator is Jack Burbidge. Jack has worked with adolescents for over 20 years. He is looking forward to coming to Kennedy and getting to know everyone. For now if you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about the afterschool program please email Jude at <a href="mailto:jschmid@slco.org">jschmid@slco.org</a> or stop by Relo C during the afterschool program hours.

Our afterschool program schedule will be as follows:

### Monday through Thursday

2:45 pm to 3:30 pm Homework/Study Lab

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm Snack

3:45 pm to 4:30pm Academic Skills, Life Skills, Recreation Skills, and /or Enrichment Skills 4:30pm – 5:15pm Academic Skills, Life Skills, Recreation Skills, and /or Enrichment Skills

**Friday** 

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Snack and Announcements

1:00 pm to 2:00pm Academic Skills, Life Skills, Recreation Skills, and or Enrichment Skills

2:00pm to 4:00pm FileId Trip or Fun Activity

For additional information about Kennedy Jr. High Afterschool Program or to register contact:

Jude Schmid

Kennedy Afterschool Program Coordinator

801-618-9816

E-mail jschmid@slco.org





# Kennedy Junior High You're invited!

to the

# **Family Center**

Where: Rm. 15A

When: Mondays and Wednesdays

8:30 am-12:30 pm

Come and learn survival English, basic computer, and ideas to help your student in school.

Join us for activities and the opportunity to meet with other parents.

**Idaliz Romero** 

Tel: 385-646-3573



# Kennedy Junior High Esta invitado!

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# Centro de familia

**Donde: Salon 15A** 

**Cuando: Lunes y Miercoles** 

8:30 am-12:30 pm

Venga y aprenda Ingles para supervivencia, computacion basica, y como ayudar a su estudiante

en la escuela

Acompañenos para actividades y la oportunidad de conocer otros padres.

**Idaliz Romero** 

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